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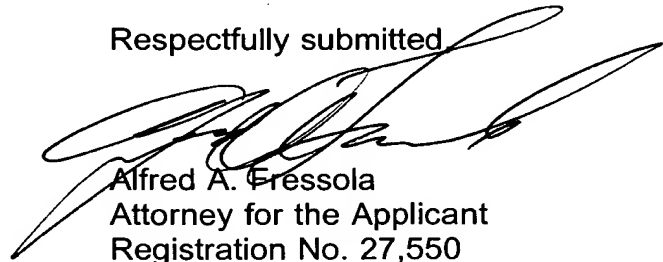
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Enclosed is a European Patent Office Search Report dated February 21, 2003 issued in a corresponding European patent application, number 01660231.0-2412. The relevance of each reference is specifically explained in the Search Report, and the abstract of each reference provides a concise explanation thereof.

Also enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. Copies of the cited references are also enclosed herewith.

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